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APPORTIONMENT OF FINANCIAL AID FOR COUNTY HEALTH WORK

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INTRODUCTION

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There is rapidly developing in the United States a plan of local health organization commonly known as the county health department. Under this plan the rural portions of the county, as well as the contained cities and towns, are served by a single health department. These departments have developed, in most instances, under the leadership and guidance of the State health department.

Financial aid from the State and other sources outside the county has played an important part in the development and stabilization of this movement; yet there does not seem to have been developed an equitable plan of apportionment which could be applied successfully under varying conditions.

PURPOSE OF STATE AID ¹

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In general, there are three major ends to be served by any system of subsidies from central to local governments for health work: First, a subsidy may be used to encourage the initiation of new projects; second, a system of aid provides a desirable channel through which the central health agency may discharge its responsibility to the local unit of government; ~~third, the subsidy can ease the burden of relatively poor counties and thus make possible a more uniform grade of continuing service.~~

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Elbridge Sibley and Dr. Joseph W. Mountin outline plans of apportioning subsidies to local health departments appropriate to the purpose of the aid as well as to local circumstances and resources.